REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Concerning the Sequence Listing

Fresh written and computer-readable copies of the sequence listing have been provided.

The sequence listing has been amended to insert entries of <220> to <223> for each of SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3, to provide comments corresponding to the "Artificial Sequence" entry at line <213> in each case. Lines 47 and 54 of SEQ ID NO: 2 have been amended to reduce the line length.

As stated above, the written copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith includes no new matter and the information recorded in computer-readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and includes no new matter.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments and timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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